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MEMORANDUM FOR: All NIOs

SUBJECT : Key Intelligence Questions

- 1. As you know and as was discussed at our 8 January meeting with the Director, he plans to issue the Key Intelligence Questions at the USIB meeting on Thursday, 10 January. Hence, if any of you feel there should be wording changes in any of the questions affecting your respective areas, would you please communicate these views to the Director as quickly as possible. At this stage, he would doubtless resist minor editorial improvements, but he is always prepared to hear you out on matters of substantive importance.
- 2. As you also know, it is the DCI's plan to take a dozen of the KIQs for a shakedown cruise to test the mechanism and the procedures involved in operating it. The checkmarks appearing on the memorandum you received on 8 January reflect the dozen selected by the IC Staff. The Director has agreed that we would pick the KIQs to be used on the shakedown cruise. I therefore ask each of you to pick one nomination in your area. The principle of selection should be that of choosing a KIQ easy to exploit as a testing device. This will not necessarily be the KIQ you deem of greatest substantive importance. Would you please communicate your choices to since I would like to give the Director our twelve nominations before Thursday's USIB.

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